121. Needs of the Vaikam Municipality.

MR. VARKEY JOSEPH (*Municipal Council, Vaikam*) who made his representation in Malayalam, spoke about the following needs of the Vaikam Muncipality:—

The income of the Vaikam Municipality under tolls was greatly affected by the owners of the steam and motor boats, touching at the western jetty of the Vaikam town, refusing to pay tolls, on the ground that the Vembanad lake was not within municipal limits. To remove this difficulty, the Government should issue a notification in the Gazette, declaring the eastern half of the Vembanad lake lying to the west of Vaikam town, as falling within municipal limits.

The financial condition of the Municipality was too poor to enable the satisfactory working of the municipal affairs. There were two methods of improving the finances of the Municipality, *viz.*, by granting permission to levy tolls on the numerous motor cars and buses that were plying through the town and to levy registration fees on conveyances kept in the town. Hence early sanction should be accorded for establishing a municipal toll at the place. If this was not possible immediately, at least the Government should issue a circular to the effect that all conveyances kept in the town should be registered by the Municipality.

The condition of the roads within the municipal limits was deplorable. All the roads should be gravelled at an early date.

The condition of the roads on either side of the Puthen *todu* was particularly deplorable. The roads should be improved and made fit for cart traffic.

The people were experiencing very great difficulty owing to the absence of a bridge at the eastern extremity of the Puthen *todu*. At present there was a ferry service at the place. During the rainy season the school children found it extemely difficult to use the ferry boat. The cost of putting up a bridge at the place would not be much, as the canal was narrow at the place. Hence a bridge should be immediately constructed at the place.

The road from the Vaikam jetty to the Travellers' Bungalow was at present useful only to the people who went to the Travellers' Bungalow. It would be of very great use to the public if it was extended as far as the Puthen *todu*. Hence the road should be further extended as far as the Puthen *todu*.

DEWAN'S REPLY: നിങ്ങൾ ആദ്യമായി പ്രതിപാദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള കാര്യം മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയുടെ വിസ്തീർണ്ണം കുറെ വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കണമെന്നാണ്. ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് കഴിഞ്ഞ പ്രജാസഭയിലും ഒരു നിവേദനം ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അതിന്മേൽ വിചാരണനടത്തിയതിൽ ഇതു തൽക്കാലം ആവശ്യമില്ലെന്നു തീർച്ചചെയ്തു ഉത്തരവുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ട്.

പിന്നീട് നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞതു് റോഡുകൾ ചരൽ ഇടുന്നതു സംബന്ധിച്ചും, വീതികൂട്ടുന്നതു സംബന്ധിച്ചുമാണു്. ഈ സംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെൻറു് ആലോചിക്കുന്നതാണു്.

[Your first representation related to the extension of the municipal limits of Vaikam. Orders have been passed that no such extension is necessary now, on a similar representation made at the last session. What you said about gravelling and widening the roads will be considered by Government.]

122. Needs of Vaikam.

MR. VARKEY JOSEPH (*Municipal Council, Vaikam*) who made his representation in Malayalam, spoke about the desirability of shifting the Taluk Cutcherry, the Magistrate's Court, the Munsiff's Court, the English High School and the Vernacular schools at Vaikam from their present sites and locating them in a better and healthier site near the lake side. A site had been acquired by the Government near the lake, evidently to be utilised for this purpose, but the same had been handed over to the Agricultural Department, for conducting an experimental farm. The agricultural farm did not serve any useful purpose, either to the Government or to the people. Hence the site could with advantage be utilised for locating the public offices and the schools in the taluk. It was not necessary that all the institutions should be located there immediately. Some of the offices could be shifted now and the others later on. The Magistrate's Court was housed in an inconvenient and ill-suited rented building. There was a proposal to acquire a new site and put up a building for locating the Magistrat's Court. But the site proposed to be acquired was not at all suited for the purpose and the people of Vaikam had memorialised the Government against selecting the site in question, which was in a swampy area. The construction of a building after levelling up the site would also cost much. The Magistrate's Court building should be put up at the site now available noar the lake. This would also avoid the expenditure under land compensation charges. Immediate orders should be issued accordingly.

The *Satram* at Vaikam was not at present open to all classes of people. It was quite undesirable that the Government *Satram* was reserved for the exclusive use of a few classes of people only. Further the travelling public alighting at Vaikam, during night time, were experiencing very great hardships for want of a resting place. When the Taluk Cutcherry and the Munsiff's Court were shifted to the lake side as proposed above, those buildings could be used as a *Satram*. The Government should do the needful in this matter at a very early date.

DEWAN'S REPLY: നിങ്ങളുടെ നിവേദനത്തിൽ നിങ്ങൾപ്രതിപാദിച്ചതു വയ്ക്കത്തുള്ള കച്ചേരികളെയെല്ലാം ഒരു സ്ഥലത്തു് ആക്കണമെന്നാണു്. ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് ൨൭-ാമതെ പ്രജാസഭയിൽ ഒരു നിവേദനം ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കയും, അതിൻെറ ചിലവു പരിഗണിച്ചു